

NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Public Hearing

Monday June 20, 2022

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main behind City Hall on June 20th, 2022 with six council members present including: Zetta Penner, Sheri Parsons, Steve McLaughlin, Tad Boone, Earlene Smith, and James Newman. Also present were Mayor Jerry Beech, City Attorney Johnny Beech, Interim City Administrator Vicki Hagerman, and Deputy City Clerk Karla Ferrero. Council Members Lowell Holman and Jamie Bardwell were absent. Also present were Clyde Morgan of SWODA, Dacia Phillips of RSMeacham CPAs, Sarah Lau of the Cordell Chamber of Commerce, Carol McCulloch, Arvie Wess, Darryl Anthony, Linda Denney, and Dustin Denney.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Beech called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm. Deputy City Clerk Ferrero called roll and a quorum was declared to be present.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Public comments will be heard after Council discussion.

Mayor Beech explained that the public hearing was to discuss the possibility of the City of New Cordell submitting a Community Development Block Grant/Capital Improvement Planning (CDBG-CIP) application to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for 2022 funding.

*** Council Member Lowell Holman arrived at 5:52. ***

Interim City Administrator Vicki Hagerman provided an overview of the grant and Clyde Morgan from SWODA provided further details. Hagerman had reached out to Clyde to see if the city had a Capital Improvement Plan that SWODA had done, if there had been it had been a long time. Clyde Morgan sent over the documents for Council to review, the public hearing being the first part of that process. This is for a \$40,000 no match grant that would be paid to us by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and we would then pay that to SWODA. Clyde Morgan further explained that Capital Improvement Projects were the projects that needed to be done in each department. SWODA will see what projects need to be completed. A planning committee is established that creates a five-year plan based on recommended projects. The plan is then submitted to City Council for review and approval. The plan functions as a guide to help with planning projects and grants. The city can use the survey and materials from the CDBG waterline project grant to help with the application. The other part of this would be some digital aerial maps that show where lines, valves, and manholes are located. The maps are not engineering scale but are helpful for planning purposes. Council asked what the odds were of getting approved, Hagerman stated that they are pretty good, and asked Clyde Morgan to clarify further. Clyde stated that in this area usually if you submit it you are approved. The contract with SWODA would be for the \$40,000 awarded and would not exceed that amount. The only expense to the city would be using city employees to help locate manholes and lines. Council asked if the city applies for this grant or if SWODA applies. Clyde stated that SWODA would apply for the grant on our behalf. Mayor Beech adds that mapping hasn't been done in a long time, and so working on this water project, and encountering leaks, the departments have been having to find lines as they go. This mapping would be very helpful for completing the water project, especially since this mapping would be free to the city. Clyde adds that mapping will show different sizes and materials of pipes as well. Council asked if the Rural Water Board was supposed to have helped us map. Mayor Beech responds that no, they were testing pressures. Clyde further clarifies the steps for applying for the grant.

There were no public comments.

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ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Boone.

Vote Called: Aye: Penner, Parsons, McLaughlin, Holman, Boone, Smith,
Newman
Nay: 0

Motion Carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Jerry Beech/Mayor

Karla Ferrero/Deputy City Clerk